TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Authorization for the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services to Conduct an Engineering and Technical Analysis of Wastewater Discharge Standards and Limitations

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with CH2M Hill to conduct a technical analysis of the City's wastewater discharge standards in an amount not to exceed $55,000.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Wastewater Discharge Regulations impose requirements for all discharges into the wastewater collection and treatment systems. These regulations are a requirement of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The current City discharge standards contained in the Municipal Code were originally adopted in 1974 and revised on two previous occasions

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) performed a pretreatment program audit in December 1998. The audit report requires the City to reevaluate its local limits based upon new or more stringent effluent limits contained in its reissued NPDES permit.

CONSULTANT SELECTION:

Six firms were judged by staff to have the necessary expertise to conduct this type of project and were invited to submit proposals. Only one firm, CH2M Hill, submitted a proposal for the City's consideration. Staff believes that the highly specialized and unique expertise required to perform this work, together with the very heavy workloads that environmental consultants are currently experiencing, combined to limit the number of submitted proposals. However, staff is very satisfied with the proposal and qualifications of CH2M Hill and recommends that a contract be executed with that firm. The CH2M Hill team is structured with veteran technical experts who are knowledgeable about air, water, and biosolids regulation. The team is also experienced in working with industrial and community groups to develop consensus on the best ways to achieve high levels of environmental and public health protection while maintaining regulatory compliance. Based on discussions with other agencies involved in similar projects,

staff has concluded the base fee and optional hourly rate schedule for this project to be reasonable for the scope of services required.

There are no Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and/or Women Business Enterprises (WBE) subcontracting included in this project, since this is a very specialized technical study with very few firms that are qualified to perform this work.

PROJECT COST/FUNDING:

The total cost for this project is anticipated at $54,859. Sufficient funds are available in the Sewer Operation Fund to cover this project.

SCHEDULE:

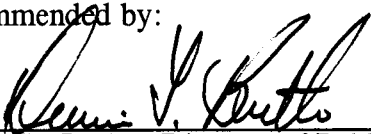The following schedule has been developed for this project:

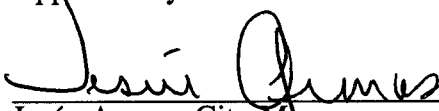|	
Begin Project	February 7, 2001
Project completion	September 27, 2001

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Recommended by:

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Approved by:

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Jesús Armas, City Manager

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF HAYWARD AND CH2M HILL FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES FOR ANALYSIS OF WASTEWATER
DISCHARGE STANDARDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hayward, a professional services agreement with CH2M Hill to conduct an engineering evaluation and technical analysis of the City's wastewater discharge standards and limitations (said project to be referred to as the "Hayward Local Limits Study"), in an amount not to exceed $55,000, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____ , 2001

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:_____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward